

Lesson 09

4. CREATION OF MAN AND THE 1ST DISPENSATION – INNOCENCE

- We saw in ⇒ **Genesis 1:1** that God created the heavens and the earth; and in ⇒ **Genesis 1:2**, the Bible tells us that the earth became chaos. We studied what happened to the earth to turn it into chaos; we studied the creation of the angels and the fall of part of them, due to what we call the origin of sin in the universe.
- The earth in its original creation was entirely mineral. We also saw that one of the angelic beings, the anointed guardian cherub, had a link with the planet, because according to ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:13**, he was in Eden, God's garden, which could only be a geographical place on earth.
- From the chaos of ⇒ **Genesis 1:2**, God begins a re-creation of the heavens and the earth, now under different conditions, with plant and animal life on earth as we shall see. God's goal has always been to put a creature on earth that was in '*Our image, according to Our likeness.*'

4.1. Creation as we know it, the age of the earth today.

- **1st Day of creation** ⇒ **Genesis 1:3~5**
 - Since there was only darkness in the earth and heavens originally created, God now creates light in the midst of darkness, light that until then came from God himself (⇒ **II Corinthians 4:6**). Before sin there was no darkness, and all light emanated from God himself. This is the condition we will have in eternity, when sin is extinguished from the universe.
 - ⇒ **Isaiah 60:19**
 - ⇒ **Revelation 22:5**
 - Now, after sin, God established time, creating day and night. With the entrance of sin, the earth became chaos, darkness. God then created light and separated light from darkness. With this, God was able to proceed with his plan of creation.
 - Note the words: '*then God said.*' We see in these words how God created everything by His Word; it is God's principle to order everything by His Word.
 - ⇒ **Hebrew 11:3**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 33:6~9**
 - ⇒ **II Peter 3:5**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 29:3~9**; '*The voice of the Lord is powerful.*'
 - ⇒ **Hebrew 1:1~3**
- **2nd Day of creation** ⇒ **Genesis 1:6~8**
 - Firmament in the midst of the waters; what is a firmament? Where did the water come from?
 - If we read ⇒ **Genesis 1:2** and imagine ourselves moving from the earth through the universe as observers, we will see a formless and empty earth, in other words, no creature with life.

We then move through a region called the abyss, which surrounds the earth and continues through the universe. Passing through the abyss and looking back, we will see the face of the abyss and it will only be darkness, complete darkness. Continuing on our way, we will now encounter many waters and then the Spirit of God, the Spirit of the Almighty, hovering over the face of the waters, Alleluia.

- Now, in ⇒ **Genesis 1:6**, God creates the firmament in the middle of the waters, separating waters and waters. The firmament is the celestial hemisphere, the celestial vault, which extends in the middle of the waters, separating the waters above the firmament from the waters below the firmament. The firmament is the spherical surface separating the visible universe from the dwelling place of God, which is the third heaven.

⇒ **Job 37:18**; *'With Him, have you spread out the skies, Strong as a cast metal mirror?'*

⇒ **Job 26:10**; *'Circular Horizon on the face of the Waters.'*

⇒ **II Corinthians 12:2**; We already saw the existence of three heavens.

- The first sky is the atmosphere that surrounds the earth and makes life possible on the planet; there is a perfect, spherical division between the first and second sky. The second sky is the visible space where the sun and planets, stars, constellations and galaxies are located, ending in the firmament, which is solid like a metal mirror. So, the visible universe has an end, the firmament is its limit. The firmament, like a mirror, prevents us from seeing God's glory and his throne, which are in the third heaven.

- Where are the waters? Water is an element of the third heaven.

⇒ **Psalms 29:3**; *'The Lord is over many waters.'*

⇒ **Psalms 29:10**; *'The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood.'*

⇒ **Psalms 104:3**; *'He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters.'*

⇒ **Psalms 148:3~4**; *'Waters above the heavens!'*

⇒ **Jeremiah 10:12~13**; *'Waters in the heavens.'*

• 3rd Day of creation

⇒ **Genesis 1:9~13**

- The waters that were under the firmament were sent down and concentrated on the earth in one place and formed the seas. God sent water to the earth so that there could be plant and animal life; *'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place'*. From this we can conclude that there can only be life on earth, on the other planets there is no life.
- God set the limits of the seas.
 - ⇒ **Job 38:8:11**; God questioning Job about the limits of water.
 - ⇒ **Jeremiah 5:22**; The limits of the sea.
- God called the dry element earth. As there was already water (*the source of life*), God could now create plant life. ⇒ **Genesis 1:11~12**

Note that plant life was created perfect by God, according to its species. *'Each fruit tree would yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself and according to its species.'* Creation does not need evolution.

- **4th Day of creation**

⇒ **Genesis 1:14~19**

- God creates the luminaries in the sky: sun, moon and stars, to separate day and night; for signs, seasons, days and years, and to illuminate the earth. The sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night.

⇒ **Genesis 1:18;**

And to govern over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness, this is the emphasis.

- **5th Day of creation**

⇒ **Genesis 1:20~23**

- God creates animal life in the waters and birds to fly in the sky. Note that here, too, life has already been created by God perfectly and according to their kind. Every living creature would reproduce abundantly.

- **6th Day of creation**

⇒ **Genesis 1:24~31**

- Here God creates the living creatures on earth, the dry portion of the planet, also according to their kinds: ... *cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after according to their kinds.*

⇒ **Genesis 1:24;**

Notice the emphasis of all the God's creation, which must reproduce according to their kinds.

⇒ **Genesis 1:25;**

So, God made the animals and all the reptiles according to their kinds. The theory of the evolution totally contradicts God's creation.

- ⇒ **Genesis 1:26**; As the crowning glory of creation, God creates man, the only being created '*in God's image, according to God's likeness.*' The man was created to rule the earth and to reflect on earth the image of God (*His beauty and glory*) and the God's likeness (*His character and behavior*).

- Note the plural of '*Let us make man*'. This is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; Almighty God, the Tri-Unity of God.

- God also establishes man's dominion over the earth; man's authority and dominion over the earth come from God.

⇒ **Genesis 1:28:**

The earth is subject to man as well as dominion over all living beings.

⇒ Psalms 8:3~6:

The greatness of man's creation and the domain under his feet.

⇒ **Psalms 115:16:**

'The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.'

- ⇒ **Genesis 1:29**; God established that the food for man and animals would be herbs and the fruit of trees. Further on, ⇒ **Genesis 9:3**, God also determines the meat of animals as food.

- ⇒ **Genesis 1:31**; *'Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good...'*

- **7th Day of creation** ⇒ **Genesis 2:1~3**

- *'God rested from all His work which God had created and made.'*

- **FINAL NOTES:**

- The Bible says that no one has ever seen God.
 - ⇒ **I John 4:12**
 - ⇒ **I Timothy 6:16**
 - ⇒ **John 1:18**
- But God's creation reveals him, and man is inexcusable in not recognizing him as God the Creator and Almighty, misrepresenting the truth of creation:
 - ⇒ **Psalms 19:1~6**
 - ⇒ **Romans 1:18~25**
- God's promises are so true that the covenant with Israel and its restoration are linked to the balance and order of the universe.
 - ⇒ **Jeremiah 31:33~37**
- Other texts related to the greatness of God's creation:
 - ⇒ **Proverbs 8:22~30**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 148**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 136:3~9**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 104**